

ORDINANCE NO. 20170420-XXX

**AN ORDINANCE SUSPENDING A GAS RELIABILITY
INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM INTERIM CUSTOMER SURCHARGE
PROPOSED BY CENTERPOINT ENERGY RESOURCES.**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. In accordance with Chapters 103 and 104 of the Texas Utilities Code, the City has exclusive original jurisdiction over gas rates charged for natural gas utility services provided in the City.

PART 2. On March 30, 2017, CenterPoint Energy (“CenterPoint”) filed with the City of Austin, Texas (the “City”) an interim rate adjustment that would allow CenterPoint to recover the incremental costs of the new investment it has made within its South Texas Division. The same request was filed by CenterPoint with the other municipalities it serves for a collective increase of the fixed monthly base charge by a total of \$30,316,196 for its South Texas Division.

PART 3. CenterPoint proposed an effective date of May 29, 2017 for the interim rate adjustment.

PART 4. Pursuant to Texas Utilities Code § 104.301(a), the City is authorized to suspend the implementation of the interim rate adjustment for a period not to exceed 45 days beyond the effective date proposed by CenterPoint.

PART 5. The City Council finds that it requires additional time to review and consider CenterPoint’s interim rate adjustment and supporting documentation.

PART 6. The implementation of the interim rate adjustment filed by CenterPoint proposed to take effect on May 29, 2017, is hereby suspended until the sooner of: (a) the 45 day from the proposed effective date, or (b) the date acted upon by the City Council, whichever shall first occur.

